

These provisions include the full expensing of critical research and development, the full expensing of investments in new equipment, machinery, and technology, and also business interest deductibility.

These provisions are tools that empower small businesses to drive innovation, create jobs, and make “el Sueno Americano,” “the American Dream,” a reality for families all across America.

I urge my colleagues to join me.

Mr. ESTES. Mr. Speaker, it is great that we have so many people from so many different districts talking about issues that are important to them and seeing the wide impact across the country.

Mr. Speaker, I recognize for 2 minutes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. MORAN), another member of the Texas delegation, and a good friend of mine.

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, more jobs, better pay, and a stronger economy—that is the result when taxes are low.

I rise today in support of extending the pro-growth tax provisions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 that are critical to families and businesses, items like immediate R&D expensing and allowing for full bonus depreciation in the year in which those expenses were incurred.

Through provisions like these, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 ushered in a competitive Tax Code that encouraged companies to invest in American jobs, and it served as a catalyst for innovation nationwide. These provisions lifted more than 6 million people out of poverty, grew wages by 4.9 percent, and spurred American innovation to new heights.

Also, these pro-business and pro-family tax provisions will play a vital role in advancing the American economy, boosting wages, and maintaining U.S. competitiveness worldwide into the future, but only if we make them permanent.

Unfortunately, allowing these pro-growth tax provisions expire or remain expired would be devastating to our economy. They would slow the economy, decrease wages, halt job growth, and stifle investment and innovation. This is not the direction that hardworking Americans want us to go. This is not the direction of America.

Mr. Speaker, I stand with American businesses and hardworking Americans everywhere, including in east Texas that I represent, and I encourage my colleagues to make these expiring tax provisions permanent. We must act now to make these provisions permanent and reduce the tax burdens on our businesses, to see our economy thrive and grow and to see our families benefit as a result.

Mr. ESTES. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman participating and highlighting how important it is in the Congressman's district and the impact on that part of the country in Texas.

Wichita, where I am from, is known as the Air Capital of the World for its pioneering role in the early days in

American aviation. Today, in south central Kansas, it is brimming with companies continuing to push the limits of the aerospace industry, including in general and commercial aviation, but also space, defense, and unmanned aircraft systems.

All of these new advances in Kansas that developers, engineers, and manufacturers want require technology, and they require research and development, but these innovators tell me that the incentive just isn't there. Knowing that they have to amortize their R&D costs prohibits them from pursuing these technological advances. Let's change that by restoring immediate R&D expensing.

As I mentioned earlier, R&D expensing is primarily a jobs issue, and, without an incentive for home-grown R&D, the U.S. loses out on creating new jobs. As the R&D Coalition says, for every \$1 billion of U.S. R&D spending, 17,000 jobs earning \$1.4 billion are supported in the United States.

They also note that, if the R&D amortization policy is not reversed, the United States stands to lose 410,000 jobs, \$57.5 billion in labor income, and \$71 billion in R&D spending over the next year, and it is going to make America less competitive on the world stage.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the Members who shared their experiences and what we have heard from districts all across the country on this very important issue. As we have discussed here tonight, R&D expensing legislation is critical for our job creators, innovators, and everyday Americans. The health of our economy depends on us passing this bipartisan, common-sense legislation.

The legislation has broad support from Members in 43 States and both parties. As I said in my opening remarks and in the op-ed last month, the time to address R&D amortization may have been at the end of 2021, but with the start of the new tax-filing season a few weeks away, the next best time is now.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ROBERT R. HREN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9th, 2023, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from California, Mr. KILEY, for 30 minutes.

Mr. KILEY. Mr. Speaker, I take a moment tonight to share with people across America a little bit about the life of an extraordinary person from my district, Bob Hren.

There are so many things I could say about Bob. He was a great friend of mine. He had the best sense of humor. He was an extraordinary leader, and he was just a great man.

In the world of politics, you will not find a better man. He was just so clearly in it for the right reasons. He be-

lieved in this country. He wanted to do everything that he could to make his community in Nevada County a better place.

There are so many things I could tell you about Bob that whatever I might say would actually pale in comparison to a beautiful tribute that was prepared by his wife, Cindy, as well as his friend and associate and successor, Mac Young.

Cindy is a wonderful, wonderful woman who was always by Bob's side at events. They were truly a team.

In addition, Mac worked very closely with him on everything he did in Nevada County and is now doing a tremendous job of filling his very, very big shoes as the head of the Nevada County Republican Party.

This is the tribute that was prepared by Cindy and Mac:

Robert Ralph Hren was an outstanding citizen who dedicated his life to making a positive difference in the world. A loving husband of 50 years and father of two sons, he was a beacon of light for his family and community.

Born in Chisholm, northern Minnesota, on September 19, 1948, and passed away peacefully from multiple strokes on September 26, 2023.

Bob had a way of seeing the goodness and the potential in people. Even when facing adversity, Bob gained respect from others for his fair and calm manner. He was a mentor and guidance counselor to many. He approached life with his dry sense of humor, kindness, determination, and forward thinking.

Bob gained more than 40 years of experience in the electric power generation field. He combined his technical expertise as a mechanical engineer and legal knowledge with his law degree to work as a project development manager for Bechtel Enterprises, Incorporated. He focused on the development, construction, ownership, and operation of electric-generation facilities. He traveled worldwide to develop projects in Japan, New Zealand, Brazil, Mexico, Canada, and across the United States.

Bob joined International Generating Company, Intergen, as vice president in 1999 and opened an office in Sacramento in 2001 to respond to the California energy crisis and develop new power projects that he legislated and oversaw the development of are now bringing power to citizens through Roseville Electric and the Ocotillo plant in Palm Springs.

In 2002, Bob became an independent consultant through his company, Vista Enterprises, and brought his expertise to advise solar energy companies, such as NextLight and Eight Minute Energy—that is the amount of time it takes to receive energy from the Sun.

He retired from the energy consulting business in 2016 to dedicate his time to his family, hobbies, and traveling to favorite destinations in the U.S. and abroad.

Bob loved gardening and was known for growing an abundance of large, luscious tomatoes. He would plant up to

98 plants in raised beds, creating a tomato forest. When his wife objected after processing them, he said: Okay, I only planted 49 this year.

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Bob was passionate about making his award-winning wines that he distributed and enjoyed with family and friends. Having sampled some myself, Mr. Speaker, I can tell you they are truly outstanding.

In 2017, Bob was elected chair of the Nevada County Republican Party. He dedicated over 6 years to growing the party into what it is today. He recruited candidates for local county offices and supported their efforts to win. He led fundraising events by organizing and presenting dinners and other events to establish the largest reserve fund in our local party's history. He recruited volunteers to help at events, established a Republican headquarters, and managed the daily activities, meetings, and issues of the party.

Bob was good at managing people, keeping calm and order, even when debates became heated. He could subdue controversy in disputes and recognized the innate good in people. Bob used his practical experience in negotiations with both friends and adversaries to advance the prospects for Republican candidates and issues.

His colleagues at the Nevada County Republican Party knew Bob as a thoughtful and reasoned leader who carefully weighed the ramifications of each decision. He applied his engineering mindset in planning large and impactful projects. His technological mind understood the value of digital campaigning for the 21st century. He was a key figure in several Statewide initiatives that fundamentally changed the political dynamic in California.

Bob left a legacy that made a positive difference in many, many lives and in our entire community. His presence is greatly missed, and his legacy will be felt for a long, long time to come.

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR RULE

Mr. KILEY. Mr. Speaker, the Department of Labor has just announced its so-called independent contractor rule which severely restricts or even eliminates gig work, freelancing, self-employment, and alternate work arrangements that 70 million Americans have chosen.

With this unilateral action, the Biden administration has taken a sledgehammer to the American workforce putting millions of livelihoods at risk. This is not a matter of speculation. We have already seen the damage this policy has caused in California.

Biden's rule is modeled on California's infamous AB 5 law which was signed by Gavin Newsom in 2019 and which Newsom's own deputy chief of staff called "one of the most destructive pieces of legislation in the past 20 years."

Countless livelihoods have been destroyed with the law's victims coming from over 600 professions. That is the

stark reality, and that is what is now in store for workers across the entire country.

As a warning to those who could see their life's work taken from them by this new policy, I wanted to take a few minutes to highlight each and every one of those 600 professions, 600 professions that have been devastated by AB 5 in California and that the Biden administration is now targeting Nationwide:

3D animators; 3D designers; accompanists; actors; acupuncturists; adjunct faculty; adult performers; aerobic instructors; after-school program vendors; animal shelter consultants; animal trainers; animators; announcers; antique property appraisers; appointment setters; architectural designers; architectural rendering illustrators; art appraisers; art consultants; art curators; art teachers; art therapists; artists; ASL/CDI interpreters; athletic coaches; auctioneers; audio engineers; audio mixers; audio techs; audiovisual techs; authors; babysitters; ballet companies; ballet dancers; ballet musicians; balloon artists; bandleaders; barbershop quartets; bartenders; beekeepers; bloggers; boat captains; boat hull divers; body painting artists; body piercers; bookkeepers; brand ambassadors; brand advertising and design professionals; bubble fairies; bubbleologists; bug bounty programs; building inspectors; burlesque dancers; CAD designers; cake decorators; cam girls; camera directors; camera operators; camera techs; cancer registrars; captioners; caricature artists; caregivers; cartographers; cartoonists; casino night dealers; casting assistants; casting directors; catastrophe adjusters; caterers; celebrity impersonators; certified athletic trainers; childbirth educators; children's theater companies; chiropractors; choir directors; choreographers; Christmas carolers; churches; cinematographers; circus performers; clergy; closed captioners; clowns; club industry; college admissions consultants; color guard instructors; columnists; comedians; commercial drone pilots; commercial producers; community playhouses; composers; computer consultants; computer programmers; computer technicians; computer validation; computer independent testers; concealed carry weapons instructors; construction workers; consultants; content artists; content developers; contract reviewers; contract tech writers; contributing editors; convention booth installers; convention decorators; copyeditors; copywriters; costume designers; costumed characters; counselors; court reporters; digital court reporters; notaries; CPR/first aid instructors; creative directors; crop dusters; crowd funding specialists; cultural music and dance groups; dance studio owners; dance teachers; dance troupes; dancers; dental billers; dental consultants; dental technicians; deposition reporters; designers; dieticians; digital animators; digital imaging technicians; digital marketing consult-

ants; digital marketing specialists; directors of operations; disaster cleanup services; DJs; dog groomers; dog trainers; doulas; drafters; drag queen performers; dress designers; drivers; editors; education counselors; education specialists; embroiders; emcees; emergency/disaster response services; engineers; entertainers; environmental engineers; environmental inspectors; environmental planning consultants; environmental technicians; equestrian professionals; ESL teachers; estheticians; ethical hackers; event carpenters; event coordinators; event crew; event EMT/paramedics; event florists; event planners; event producers; event production assistants; event production managers; event riggers; event staff members; event technologists; executive coaches; executive recruiters; exhibit installation technicians; fabricators; face painting artists; family caregivers; farm consultants; farriers; festival producers; festivals.

In film, TV, and presentations you have animators; art directors; assistant cameramen; assistant directors; assistant video editors; boom operators; cameramen; casting personnel; colorists; composers; costumers; COVID compliance officers; crafts services; deck managers; dialect coaches; drone operators; editors; electricians; executive producers; Foley artists; Foley engineers; gaffers; grips; hairstylists; jib and crane operators; line producers; locations scouts; makeup artists; narrators; producers; production assistants; production coordinators; production managers; prop personnel; script supervisors; script writers; set construction personnel; set designers; set medics; sound design artists; sound recordists; special effects artists; special effects personnel; stage managers; stunt coordinators; stuntmen/women; talent agents; teleprompter operators; transportation personnel; visual effects artists; voice teachers; wardrobe artists; storyboard artists; digital info technicians; and finally within film and TV presentations, directors.

Also included in the list are finance experts; fire performers; fitness instructors; fly fishing guides; food deliverers; forensic cleaners; forensic nurses; foresters; franchisee business owners; funeral officiants; game developers; genealogists; golf caddies; grant researchers; graphic designers; handymen; health coaches; healthcare IT professionals; hearing reporters; high school and college sports reporters; holistic healers; home health care providers; home health rehabilitation therapists; home health social workers; home organizers; home school program vendors; home services providers; horse ranches; horse trainers; horseback riding instructors; hypnotherapists; illustrators; independent filmmaking crews; independent owner-operator truckers; indie film documentarians; indie film producers; insurance adjusters; insurance brokers; insurance inspectors; interpreters; interventionists; IT consultants; IT techs; journalists;

audio journalists; radio journalists; TV; film and theater productions; jugglers; keynote speakers; lactation consultants; landscape designers; legal support; legal transcriptionists; life coaches; lifeguards; lighting designers; lighting directors; lighting technicians; live caricaturists; livestreamers; loan agents; loan officers; location managers; logging-based owner operators; luthiers (guitar makers); magicians; makeup artists; manicurists; mariachi bands; market analysts; marketing and ad agencies; marriage and family therapists; massage therapists; medical billing specialists; medical models; medical transcriptionists; medical translators; meeting and conventions planners; mental health professionals; metal fabricators; midwives; model builders; models; mold makers; mortgage bankers; mortgage brokers; mortgage field inspectors; movement instructors; Mrs. Clauses; multimedia artists; museum consultants; museum mountmakers; music arrangers; music composers; music contractors; music copyists; music directors; music producers; music tour managers; music transcribers; musical instrument makers; musical instrument teachers; musical theater; musician production crews; casual musicians; church musicians; musician headliners at venue with 1,500 attendees; musical theater, musicians - not more than once a week at same venue; musicians orchestral; musicians symphony; musicians theme parks; musicians touring; newspaper delivery carriers; non-profit assistants; notaries; nude models; nurse anesthetists; nurse educators; nurse midwives; nurse practitioners; nurses; nutritionists; occupational therapists; off-duty security; online event producers; online teachers; opera; opera companies; opera singers; optometrists; orchestra conductors; orchestra managers; orchestrators; PA announcers; paralegals; party planners; pattern makers/accessory designers; pediatric therapists; performing arts instructors; personal assistants; personal chefs; personal property appraisers; personal trainers; pet sitters; pharmacists; phlebotomists; photo booth operators; photo digital techs; photo editor; photojournalists; photo shoot animal trainers; photo shoot assistants (first, second, third); photo shoot digital techs; photo shoot hair stylists/groomers; photo shoot location managers; photo shoot makeup artists; photo shoot nail techs; photo shoot on-set teachers; photo shoot PAs; photo shoot photographer; photo shoot post-production; photo shoot producers; photo shoot production design; photo shoot set construction; photo shoot set dressers; photo shoot wardrobe; photo digital techs; photo stylist assistants; photographers; photographers' assistants; physical therapists; physiology specialists; pianists; piano teachers; picture editors; pilates instructors; pilates studios; placenta encapsulators; podcast producers/managers; political petitioners; pool cleaners; post-produc-

tion captioners; premium auditors; presentation designers; presentation specialists; press photographers; princess parties for children; process servers; production assistants; production managers; production runners; programmers; projectionists; proofreaders; property inspectors; property managers; psychic readers; psychotherapists; public relations practitioners; public relations spokespeople; publicists; publishers; puppeteers; pyrotechnicians; rabbis; radio engineers; real estate appraisers; real estate photographers; real estate stagers; realtime captioners; recipe developers; recording studios; recruiters; referees; rehab specialists; reiki therapists; reiki/meditation/mindfulness teachers; remediators; researchers; resin casters; respiratory therapists; rig welders; rural residents; S Corps; safety and loss control inspectors; Santa Clauses; Santa's helpers; school picture photographers; scopists; screenwriters; seamstresses; seasonal festival crafters/performers; security officers; seniors/retirees; set designers; sheep shearers; sheetmetal workers; ship dismantlers; shorthand reporters—certified; show caller; sign makers; signature gatherers; singers; single mothers; small business owners; social media managers; social workers (licensed clinical); software developers; software product management; sommeliers; songwriters; sound designers; sound engineers; sound mixers; sound practitioners; special education services; special effects artists; special inspector—construction; speech language pathologists; speech therapists; speechwriters; spoken language interpreters; spokesmodels; sports psychologists; sports registrars; stage directors; stage manager; stagehands; State contractors; statisticians; stay-at-home moms; stenographers; stilt walkers; story tellers; storyboard artists; strike crews; strike crews (theatrical); strippers/exotic dancers; students (college/university); studio owners; stunt specialists (auto, combat, water, aerial, etcetera); stylists; substitute teachers for private schools; subtitlers; summer day camps; survival skills experts; tailors; talent agents; talent managers; Tarot card readers; tattoo artists; tax preparers; teaching artists; tech support technicians; tech startup founders; technical directors; technical writers; tele-marketers; telephonic interpreters; teleprompter operators; tennis coaches; tennis pros; terminal managers; test proctors; testers (independent); theater actors; theater companies; theater designers; theater directors; theater electricians; theater stage managers; theatrical technical designers; timber cruisers; timber fallers; tour guides; tour managers; transcribers; translators; travel directors; traveling butchers; truckers—independent owner-operators; tutors; TV post producers; umpires; vacation rental cleaners; vacation rental site managers; variety artists; ventriloquists; venue owners; video crews; video editors;

video engineers; video game developers; video production companies; video switchers; videographers; virtual assistants; virtual call center agents; virtual office managers; vocal coaches; voiceover artists; wardrobe stylists; web designers; web developers; wedding caterers; wedding florists; wedding makeup artists; wedding officiants; wedding photographers; wedding planners; wedding stylists; wedding videographers; window/door installers; women's self-defense instructors; workshop leaders; writers; yacht captains; yoga instructors; yoga studios; youth athletic coaches; youth orchestras; youth theaters; and YouTube creators.

Mr. Speaker, those are the 600 professions where people in California have had their livelihoods taken from them by AB 5 and where people across the United States will have their livelihoods taken from them under this new regulation that has just been issued by Joe Biden's Department of Labor. In fact, the long and short of it is an economic analysis by the Chamber of Progress shows that the full-time or part-time jobs that between 3.2 and 3.8 million independent contractors could be lost because of this new rule.

That is equivalent to roughly one-half of the jobs lost in the Great Recession, and up to 70 million Americans who engage in independent work could be negatively affected and lose the workplace flexibility that they have chosen.

Now, because AB 5 is so toxic, there has been an effort to try to disassociate this new rule from AB 5 by saying: No, this is not the same thing.

In fact, Julie Su, when she testified before our Education and Workforce Committee, when I asked her if AB 5 was a good law, she couldn't even say one way or the other even though she herself was the architect and chief enforcer of that law.

Nonetheless, the reality is this: We know that the independent contractor rule just announced by the Biden Labor Department is designed to do the exact same thing as AB 5.

How do we know that?

First, President Biden has cited AB 5 expressly as his "model" for labor policy nationwide. Second, Biden tried to get the exact language of AB 5 through Congress with the PRO Act and only resorted to agency rulemaking when that failed.

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Third, the factors set forth in the independent contractor rule are plainly designed to mimic AB 5 as closely as possible while giving the enforcer of the rule maximum discretion to enforce it as they see fit.

Fourth, and perhaps most tellingly, Biden has nominated the architect and chief enforcer of AB 5 itself, Julie Su, elevating her from her State role in California to be his Secretary of Labor and enforce the new independent contractor rule.

Biden, in fact, is so desperate to nationalize AB 5 that he has even lawlessly installed Julie Su as permanent

Acting Secretary despite the Senate rejecting her nomination.

Once more, the damage from this rule would be even more far-reaching than AB 5, not just in terms of the scale and scope of a nationwide policy but also because AB 5 contained many exceptions. Well over a hundred professions were exempted from being subject to the law. There are no such exceptions in the new DOL rule, meaning many more professions will be ensnared.

We are going to fight this new rule in every way that we can. First, as soon as the rule gets transmitted to Congress, which will be any day now, I am introducing legislation under the Congressional Review Act to nullify it. This is a fast-track procedure by which Congress can override a rule imposed by an executive agency.

Second, I have secured language in the base text of the Education and Labor appropriations bill providing that no funds may be spent by the Department of Labor to enforce the rule. That would effectively render it a dead letter.

Third, I have joined with Representative ELISE STEFANK to author the Modern Worker Empowerment Act, which creates a clear definition and standard across Federal laws to protect independent workers.

Fourth, I have introduced the Department of Labor Succession Act, which has already passed the Education and the Workforce Committee, to stop Julie Su, the architect of AB 5, from continuing to act as Secretary of Labor despite the Senate rejecting her nomination.

Fifth, I expect there will be legal challenges to the new rule, based both on the dubious legality of Su remaining in power and the overly broad nature of the rule itself.

Finally, as the chair of the House Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, I will continue to conduct rigorous oversight of the Department of Labor, and we will do everything possible to protect workers against overreaching policies, which is going to become especially necessary now because we know the way that Julie Su handled AB 5.

She even previewed it. This is what she said after the law had been signed, but before it went into effect. Su said: "We will be doing investigations and audits." She threatened fines and penalties so that, and this is a quote, "those who want to comply with the need to reclassify can do so and those who don't will understand that is not the kind of economy we want in California."

"Not the kind of economy we want in California." Julie Su didn't want an economy in California where you can pursue your calling, support your family on your own terms, and thrive. She doesn't want that for America either. That is why Joe Biden has selected her for Secretary of Labor, to wage his war on independent contractors.

Our committee has a very different vision for the American workforce. We believe in promoting work and supporting workers. We believe independent contractors are critical to the 21st century economy. We will protect the freedom of Americans to earn a living as they choose. We will fight every effort to take that right away.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. KILEY. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 48 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, January 12, 2024, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-2914. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Office of Civil Rights, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Safeguarding the Rights of Conscience as Protected by Federal Statutes (RIN: 0945-AA18) received January 10, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2915. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Health Data, Technology, and Interoperability: Certification Program Updates, Algorithm Transparency, and Information Sharing (RIN: 0955-AA03) received January 10, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2916. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report titled "Politically Motivated Boycotts of, Divestment from, and Sanctions Against Israel" Department Report Number: 005571, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 4452(d)(1); Public Law 114-125, Sec. 909(d)(1); (130 Stat. 238); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2917. A letter from the Chief Administrative Officer, U.S. House of Representatives, transmitting the Statement of Disbursements of the House of Representatives covering the period October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 (H. Doc. No. 118—98); to the Committee on House Administration and ordered to be printed.

EC-2918. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Adjustment of Civil Penalties for Inflation for Fiscal Year 2024 [NRC-2022-0045] (RIN: 3150-AK73) received January 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk

for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Ms. FOXX: Committee on Education and the Workforce. H.R. 3400. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to adjust the dollar thresholds for National Labor Relations Board jurisdiction over certain labor disputes, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-343). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Ms. FOXX (for herself, Mr. OWENS, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. SMUCKER, Mrs. MCCLAIN, Mrs. STEEL, and Mr. WILLIAMS of New York):

H.R. 6951. A bill to lower the cost of post-secondary education for students and families; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. MOORE of Utah (for himself, Mr. PETERS, Mr. BARR, and Mr. PANNETTA):

H.R. 6952. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for a joint meeting of the Congress to receive a presentation from the Comptroller General of the United States regarding the audited financial statement of the executive branch, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, and the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MOORE of Utah (for himself and Ms. PEREZ):

H.R. 6953. A bill to establish comprehensive, annual congressional budgeting; to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself and Ms. SALAZAR):

H.R. 6954. A bill to reauthorize and amend the Nicaraguan Investment Conditionality Act of 2018 and the Reinforcing Nicaragua's Adherence to Conditions for Electoral Reform Act of 2021, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, the Judiciary, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. RUTHERFORD (for himself and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi):

H.R. 6955. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that the positions of the Chief and Assistant Chief of the Uniformed Division of the United States Secret Service are within the Senior Executive Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Ms. KAPTUR (for herself and Mrs. HINSON):

H.R. 6956. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services from treating any Medicaid-related funds recovered from one or more pharmaceutical companies or drug distributors with respect to opioid litigation as an overpayment under such title, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.